No. 2.

Assented to Jan. 25, 1867.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller be and is hereby directed to proceed without delay to adjust and settle the claims of the Maryland soldiers for bounty, and that of the former owners of slaves, as provided in the Acts of the General Assembly in reference thereto, and that he inform this House what additional clerical force is necessary to be authorized, if any, to accomplish the settlement of said

No. 3.

Assented to Feb. 21, 1867.

claims.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, First, That to prevent anarchy, confusion and irregular, unauthorized government, it is expedient that proposals to create or to alter and amend a Constitution should emanate from the Legislature.

Second, That the power of the Legislature at any time to refer to the people questions concerning the organic law cannot be constitutionally limited, inasmuch as any limitation would deprive them of the power enunciated in the second Article of the Bill of Rights as inalienable; and inasmuch as the Constitution might defer amendments to remote future time, or might render them impossible, and that one generation cannot in this manner bind future generations.

Third, That, subject to the limitation of the first Resolution, the people can at any time change or alter the organic Constitutional law, but that any attempt to do so by irregular, unauthorized action by a portion of the people would be of dangerous tendency and consequences.